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TAGS: EFIS, IC, GW
SUBJECT: EXPIRATION OF ICELANDIC/FRG FISHERIES
AGREEMENT

REF: REYKJAVIK 1698

1. SUMMARY. THE EXPIRATION OF THE ICELANDIC/FRG
FISHERIES AGREEMENT HAS PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTIONS
FROM EITHER THE FRG OR THE EC. FRG GOVERNMENT
COMMENTS FOCUSSED MAINLY ON RESTRUCTURING OF THE
GERMAN FISHING INDUSTRY. THE LOSS OF THIS
ALLOCATION WILL BE USED BY THE FRG AS A BARGAINING
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CHIP IN BRUSSELS WHEN ALLOCATIONS ARE DECIDED FOR
EC WATERS. END SUMMARY

2. DESPITE EARLIER ATTEMPTS BY EC COMMISSIONER
GUNDELACH TO ACHIEVE AN EC/ICELANDIC FISHERIES
AGREEMENT, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE GOI WAS NOT
INTERESTED. FRG AGMIN SOURCES REPORT THAT GOI WAS

WILLING TO HAVE AN AGREEMENT COVERING RESEARCH AND RELATED AREAS BUT WITH NO QUOTAS FOR THE FRG. NEITHER THE EC NOR THE FRG WAS INTERESTED.

3. FRG REACTION COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING AT A LOSS. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN BOELLING COULD ONLY REFER TO THE UPCOMING EC COUNCIL MEETING ON WHICH MINISTER ERTL WOULD REPORT TO THE CABINET IF ANY PROGRESS WERE MADE THERE. THE GOVERNMENT CALLED FOR COOPERATION AND UNITY IN BRUSSELS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS ON THE EC FISHERIES SITUATION. MAINLY THE SPD AND CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG SPOKESMEN DESCRIBED THE PRESENT STATUS AS SHOWING NO PROSPECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE AND CALLED FOR A RESTRUCTURING OF THE GERMAN INDUSTRY WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SEARCHING OUT NEW FISHING WATERS. THE CDU/CSU CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT IN PARTICULAR FOR NOT HAVING TAKEN THE INITIATIVE AT AN EARLIER STAGE BY HELPING THE INDUSTRY WITH FINANCIAL AIDS TO ADJUST TO EXPECTED CHANGING CONDITIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE FRG IS HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON FISHING IN THIRD COUNTRY WATERS (66 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL CATCH). IN VIEW OF THE TERMINATION OF THE ICELANDIC AGREEMENT AND THE LOW QUOTAS IN US WATERS, FRG FISHERMEN WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON NEW FISHING WATERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FAVORABLE EC ALLOCATIONS. AGMIN SOURCE ADMITS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS AT A LOSS AS TO HOW THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE APPROACHED.

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